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November 15, 2020 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 28 | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm



We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not. Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master's work on our behalf. Jesus' saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master.

Divine Service 1 LSB pgs. 151-166

To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\mathbf{X} Service of Preparation

Hymn of Invocation LSB 663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" STRAF MICH NICHT Tune and text: Public domain to watch and pray; 1 Rise, my soul, From your sleep a - wak gainst the dev - il's snares Lest 2 Watch a a - sleep he find 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With lies de - feat its 4 Watch a gainst your-self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri 5 But while watch-ing, al - so the Lord un - ceas pray To en! Be vil day Un not by the e a - wares o'er you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and vou not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy fle; day day, Strength and faith in ing. God pro-tects you by tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a blind you. Oft Who Sa - tan's prey are they se cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less your sti - fle. Pride and Lurk with - in, All sin creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -While the saints are sleep har - vest reap ing ing. sleep - ing cure are And no watch are keep ing. friends to Who but seek to harm charm you, you. hopes shat -Heed not when they flat ter. to ter; nite serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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E Confession and Absolution

- L In the name of the Father and the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. Matthew 28:19b
- L If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\psi\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

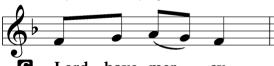
C Amen. John 20:19-23



★ Service of the Word ★

Kyrie *"Lord, Have Mercy"* Mark 10:47, LSB pg. 152-153

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, mave mer - cy.

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22 LSB pg. 156

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You.

- C Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting;
- L through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 1:7–16



Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is near;

the Lord has prepared a sacrifice

and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons

and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,

and those who fill their master's house

with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the Lord,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,

a wail from the Second Quarter,

a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;

all who weigh out silver are cut off.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men

who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,

'The Lord will not do good,

nor will he do ill.'

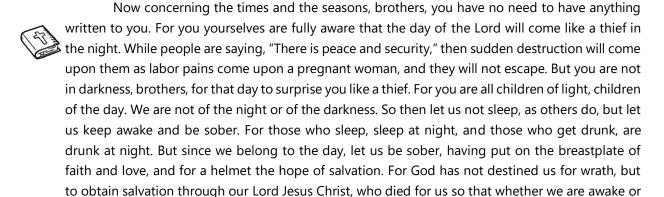
Their goods shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

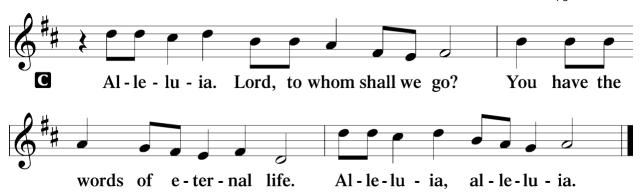


asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

you are doing.

Alleluia and Verse John 6:68 LSB pg. 156



Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

LSB pg. 157

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



- 1 The day is sure-ly draw-ing near When Je-sus, God's a-noint-ed,
- 2 The fi nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak en,
- 3 The books are o pened then to all, A rec ord tru ly tell ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car nal plea-sures,





In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap-And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a - What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. wak - en. dwell - ing, trea - sures! Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on But all who live will in that hour, By God's al-And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be With shame and trem-bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be known as they have been In judg - e's stern com-mand To Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;

 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.

 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

Sermon

Nicene Creed LSB pg. 158

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

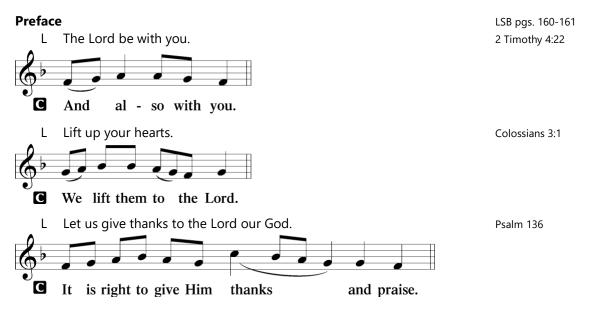
1 Timothy 2:1-4

- L Dear heavenly Father, You have placed us in various vocations for the sake of Your people.
- C Strengthen us when we face challenges and trials that would tempt us to abandon Your Church. Forgive us when we go astray. Bring back all those who have wandered from the faith.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.
- L Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in Your Church,
- C that we work together for the common good and spread the good news of Your kingdom to all nations.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.
- L Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in the governments of the world,
- C that citizens of all nations might be treated with fairness and justice.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.
- L Lord, the day of Jesus' return is drawing near. Give us patience and faith as we await His return.
- C Embolden us to serve our neighbors and never grow weary of doing good.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.
- Lord, disease and devastation have infected so much of Your creation, but we know Your healing is always close at hand. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, and injustice, [especially . . .]
 - Heal them according to Your will, and send justice for the oppressed.
 - Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.
- Lord, by the resurrection of Your Son, death has been destroyed. Yet each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [especially . . .].
 - Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.
 - Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.
- L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Offering -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door. **Offertory**

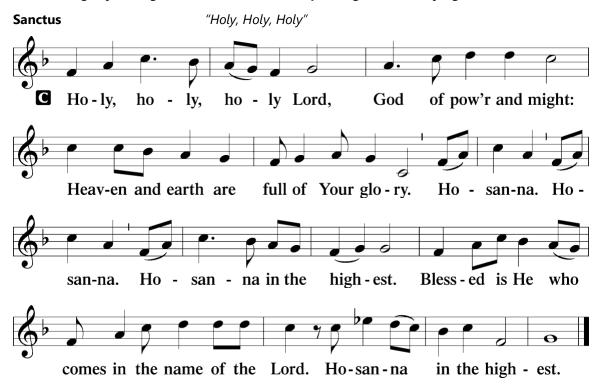


₩ Service of the Sacrament ₩



Proper Preface

- L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.
- C Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of our Lord LSB pg. 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament

in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer LSB pg. 162

C Our Father who art in heaven,

Matthew 6:9-13

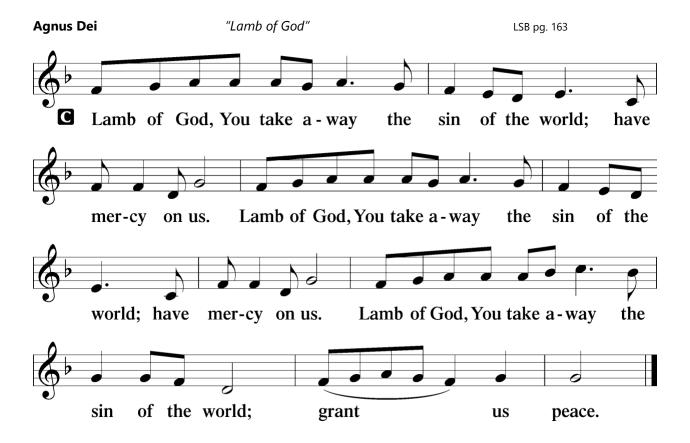
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom

Pax Domini "The Peace of the Lord" John 20:19

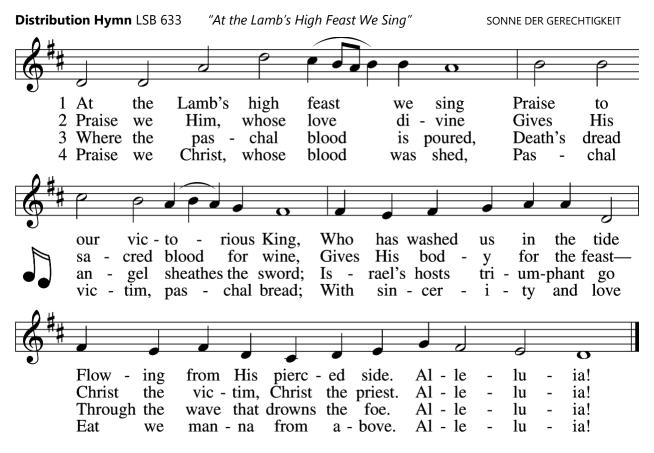
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

C Amen.



Distribution



- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

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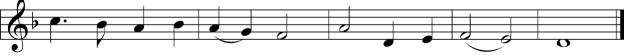


- 1 Lord of our life and God of our sal va tion, Star of our 2 See round Your ark the hun gry bil lows curl ing; See how Your
- 3 Lord, be our light when world-ly dark ness veils us; Lord, be our
- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin ful thoughts are rag ing, Peace in Your



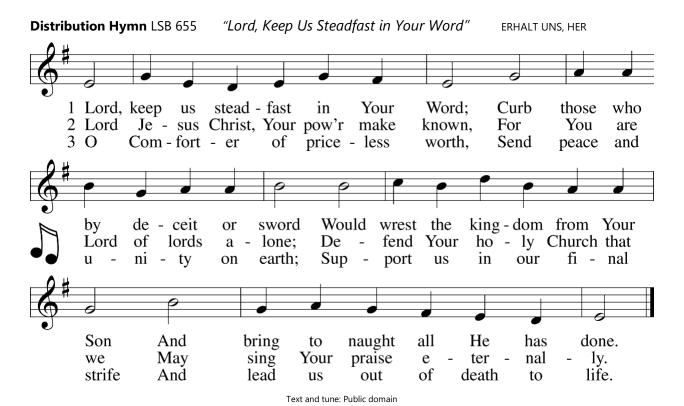


night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when Church, our trou-bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its

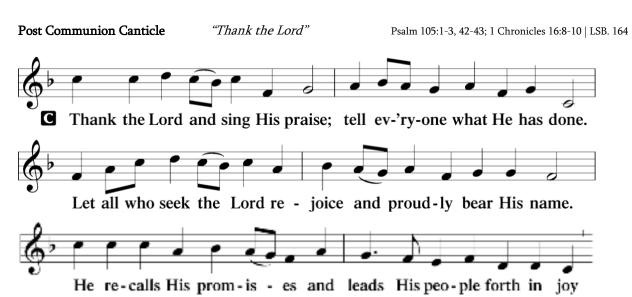


Lord God Al - might Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, y. fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us. hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord: end - less war wag - ing, is Peace in Your heav en.

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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C Amen.





Post-Communion Collect

LSB pg. 166

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

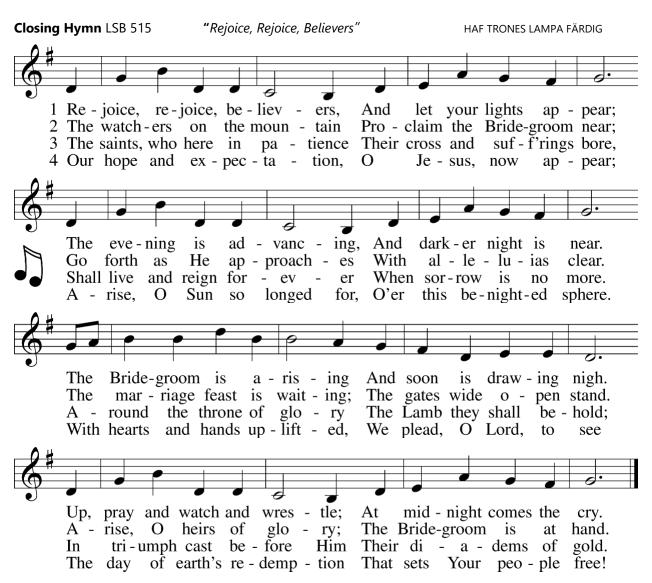
- C and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction LSB pg. 166

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and \$\psi\$ give you peace.
- C Amen.



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Dismissal

- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude SINE NOMINE

St. John Dublin

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Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25th 7:00pm Signing-up is not required for the Thanksgiving Service.

Advent & Christmas

November 29th First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm Isaiah 64:1-9. I Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:24-37

December 6th Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8

December 13th Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, I Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm The Great "O" Antiphons



Mid-Week Services Signing-up is not required for the Mid-Week Services. 12:00 & 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary December 2, 9, & 16

Sermon Series on Advent Hymns
There will be a hymn sing each week at 6:50 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Sign-ups in advance for Christmas Eve Services (call, text or email) are going on now. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 pm in the Sanctuary December 24th

Candlelight at all services

Christmas Day Service
Signing-up is not required for the Christmas Day Service.
9:30 am in the Sanctuary December 25th

The First Sunday of Christmas 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary December 27th

All services are held in the main sanctuary.

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